

44. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein the telephone service logic program further comprising specification for call waiting.

45. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein the telephone service logic program further comprising specification for blocking incoming calls.

46. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the incoming calls are blocked based on caller ID.

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-15 and 33-35 have been rejected and are now amended as set forth above. New claims 37-46 have been added. The new claims as well as the amendments to the original claims are fully supported by the originally-filed application; see, e.g., paragraphs 117 – 121 of the publication of the present application (US 2004/0230494 A1).

All the pending claims have been rejected under 35 USC Section 102 as being anticipated by the US Patent Number 6,337,858 by Petty et al. (“Petty”). This patent discloses a system where an end user (“the user” in Petty) is provided with a voice button on a webpage so as to accomplish a voice connection with an operator of the service that provided the web page. (The operator of the service is referred to in Petty as “service subscriber”). The end user may indicate on-line what mode of voice communication is preferred in connection with the voice button. Such user may indicate the preference for Voice over IP call or for an ordinary telephone call to a specified number. See Fig. 4 of Petty. In connection with the voice button, the user may also specify the type of information desired by the user, see e.g. Fig 3b of Petty. Service subscribers (call handling

agents of the call center) are provided with an interface such as depicted in Fig. 5. Col. 4 of the Summary section of Petty appears to summarize the disclosed functionality.

While Petty teaches that an end user of the voice button can specify the type of the telephone connection with a call center operator (Voice over IP or an ordinary telephone connection), unlike in the present application, the Petty reference contains no teaching of providing end user with a flexibility to define end user's telephone service features on line. Consequently, the present claims have been amended to recite the end user features that are not provided in the Petty patent. For this reason the amended claims are patentable.

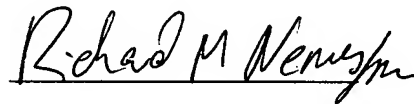
In conclusion, since all the claims are patentable, Applicants respectfully request a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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